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Representative Jason Crow 1323 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515 **CARRIE WARREN-GULLY**

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RE: Congressionally Directed Spending Request: Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office

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Dear Representative Crow,

The Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners is pleased to support the Sheriff's Office funding request to help build out training programs for our new law enforcement academy.

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office received authorization from State of Colorado POST Board to host their own academy, ensuring consistent training for 60-80 new recruits annually. Since implementing the academy last June, the sheriff's office realized additional space is needed to concurrently run the academy and complete required in-service trainings for existing staff.

The County is acquiring leased space for the academy within the City of Centennial and seeking additional grant funds to assist with equipment and technology expenses to build out the space, including a shooting simulator that places individuals into various use of force scenarios to help recruits think and evaluate decision-making.

This type of technology provides invaluable virtual training for law enforcement before applying these tactics within a real-world environment. On behalf of the entire Board of County Commissioners, thank you for considering this important request to help maintain quality public safety services within Arapahoe County.

Sincerely,

ARAPAHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner Carrie Warren Gully

Chair of the Board